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MONTHLY SEISMIC CREW COUNT

(Month of February, 1987)

According to the Society of Exploration Geophysicists' latest report, the number of seismic land crews and marine vessels searching for oil and gas in the U.S. and U.S. waters decreased by nine crews from the previous month. The land crew total decreased by ten, and the marine crew total increased by one for a net decrease of nine crews. The nine-crew decrease marks the largest monthly decrease since July, 1986.

The February total (151) represents a decrease of 6% from last month, a 49% decrease from February, 1986, a 63% decrease from February, 1985, a 69% decrease from February, 1984, a 67% decrease from February, 1983, a 78% decrease from February, 1982, and a decrease of 75% from the same month in 1981.

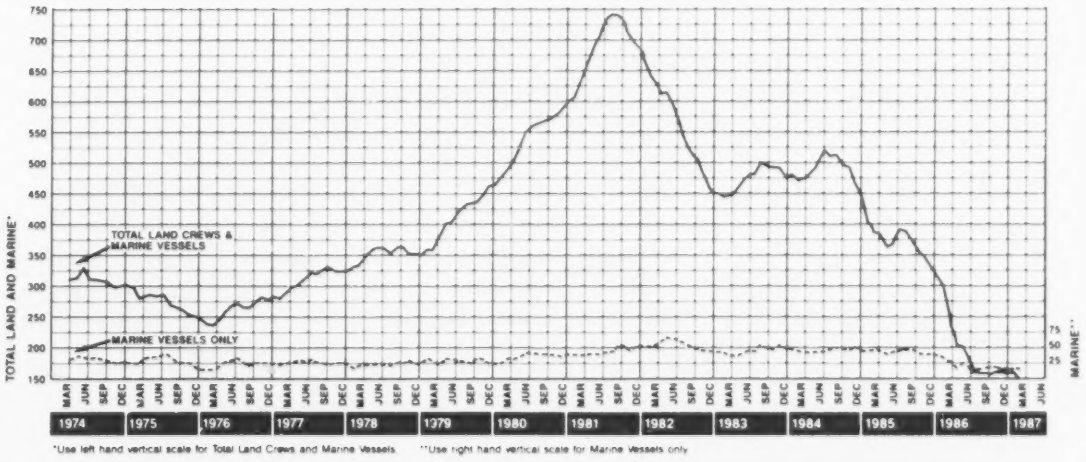
During February, three contractors were operating four of the 119 land crews and none of the sixteen vessels on a speculative basis.

TOTAL LAND & MARINE CREWS:	This Month	Last Month	Feb.'86	Feb.'85	Feb.'84	Feb.'83	Feb.'82	Feb.'81
	151	160	295	406	486	451	678	602

	LAND CREWS								MARINE VESSELS							
	This Mo	Last Mo.	Feb. 1986	Feb. 1985	Feb. 1984	Feb. 1983	Feb. 1982	Feb. 1981	This Mo.	Last Mo.	Feb. 1986	Feb. 1985	Feb. 1984	Feb. 1983	Feb. 1982	Feb. 1981
37 Contr's:	119	126	226	326	396	362	582	520	16	15	34	38	45	40	46	34
6 Oil Co's:	13	16	30	34	37	42	43	41	3	3	5	7	8	7	7	7
1 Gov't.:	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Totals	132	142	256	360	433	404	625	561	19	18	39	46	53	47	53	41

SEISMIC CREW COUNT

(The leading indicator of oil and gas exploration activity.)



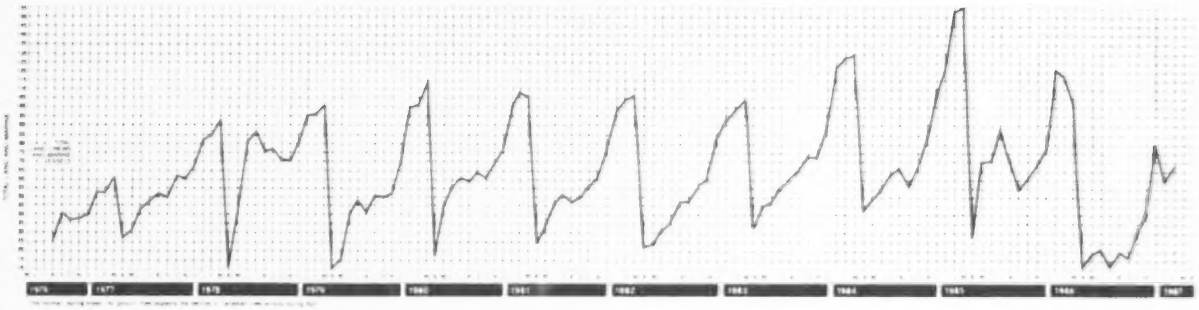
*Results of SEG's Seismic Crew Count of land and marine vessels engaged in exploration for oil and gas in the USA and USA waters, including Alaska, for the month indicated. These figures are compiled from data reported by oil companies operating company-owned seismic exploration crews and vessels and by contract seismic exploration companies. Special significance is attached to seismic crew activity since it is recognized as the leading indicator of all petroleum exploration activity.

CANADIAN SEISMIC CREW COUNT

February, 1987 (January figures in parentheses)

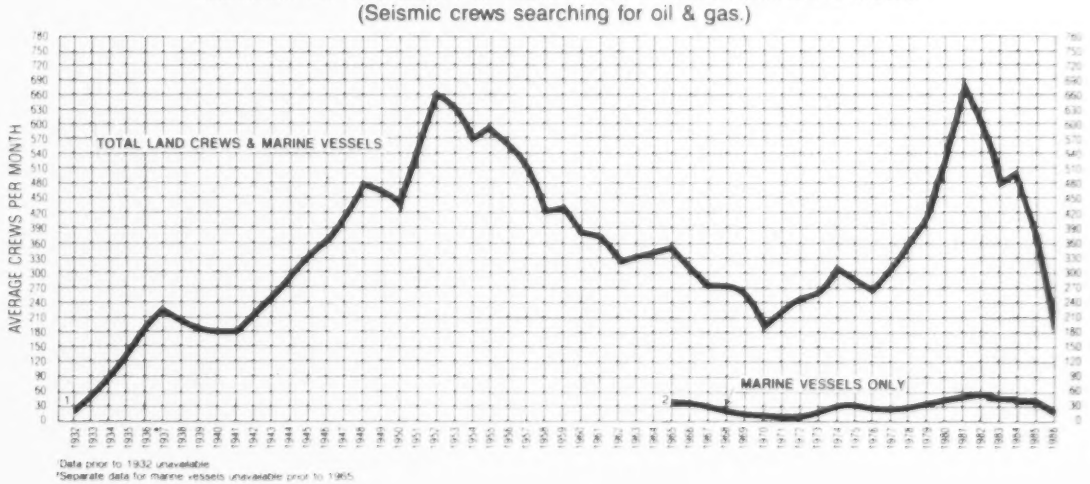
	Land Crews	Marine Vessels
28 Contractors:	66 (56)	0 (0)
1 Oil Company:	2 (2)	0 (0)
Totals:	68 (58)	0 (0)

CANADIAN SEISMIC CREW COUNT
(The leading indicator of oil and gas exploration activity.)



SEG's monthly USA Seismic Crew survey was organized in 1974 at the request of the United States' Federal Energy Administration. The report is currently submitted to the U.S. Department of Energy. Both the U.S. and the international surveys are financed in part by a grant from the International Association of Geophysical Contractors.

HISTORY OF SEISMIC EXPLORATION IN THE UNITED STATES
(Seismic crews searching for oil & gas.)



*Data prior to 1932 unavailable.
*Separate data for marine vessels unavailable prior to 1965.